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SUBJECT: BIRD AIR CONTRACT

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HABIB

REF: BANGKOK 1740

1. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IN TESTIMONY GIVEN IN OPEN SESSION BEFORE THE PASSMAN FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 3 SEVERAL SENIOR DOD REPRESENTATIVES AND I WERE QUESTIONED ABOUT THE BIRD AIR CONTRACT. WE DESCRIBED THE CIVILIAN AIRLIFT AS A COMPLETELY LEGITIMATE OPERATION ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE. DOD UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE THE SUB-COMMITTEE WITH A COPY OF THE CONTRACT TO BE PRINTED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

2. I BELIEVE OUR ARRANGEMENT WITH BIRD AIR CAN STAND
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PUBLIC SCRUTINY. IN FACT, UNINFORMED SPECULATION ABOUT

THE OPERATION IS POTENTIALLY MORE DANGEROUS TO ITS CONTINUED
VI'BILITY THAN A LITTLE PUBLICITY. I THEREFORE HOPE THAT A
MEDIA VISIT TO U TAPAO CAN BE ARRANGED IN THE NEAR FUTURE
PER BOEHM'S RECENT CONVERSATION WITH KRIANGSAK (REFTTEL). KISSINGER

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